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SUBJ: INTERAMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE (CITEL)
DEVELOPMENTS

1. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO STUDY BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL FOR BASIC RESTRUCTURING OF ORGANIZATION INTO OAS SPECIALIZED AGENCY, RATHER THAN PRESENT SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE. OAS LEGAL ADVISOR ZINOTTI WHO IS PRESENT AT RIO MEETING HAS ADVISED COMMITTEE THAT OAS CHARTER IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING REVIEW AND THAT DISTINCT POSSIBILITY EXISTS CHARTER REVISION MAY RESULT IN DISCARDING CONCEPT OF SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES AND IN FUTURE PERMIT ONLY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. LATTER WOULD REQUIRE A TREATY OR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION THAT MUST BE SIGNED AND RATIFIED BY GOVERNMENTS.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION WHETHER FORMAL RESTRUCTURING ALONG TREATY LINES WOULD REQUIRE REVISION TO SPECIALIZED AGENCY FOR CITEL, OR WHETHER AS AN EXISTING SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE IT WOULD BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN PRESENT FORM, ZINOTTI REPLIED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FORECAST.

3. US DELEGATION IS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP THAT WILL DRAFT RESOLUTION ENDORSING CONTINUANCE FOR UNDETERMINATE
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PERIOD OF CITEL'S PRESENT STRUCTURE BUT WITH SOME IMPROVEMENT

SUCH AS GREATER SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, WORKING GROUP WILL WORK ON DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING INTERCESSIONAL WORKING GROUP THAT WILL EXAMINE WHAT CITEL STRUCTURE SHOULD BE IF PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED ALTERATION OF OAS CHARTER MAKES NECESSARY CITEL ESTABLISHMENT AS SPECIALIZED AGENCY. US HAS RAISED QUESTION WHETHER LATTER TASK IS REALLY NECESSARY, IN VIEW OF UNKNOWN OUTCOME OF PRESENT OAS CHARTER REVIEW.

4. US DELEGATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUP BUT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON LIKELIHOOD THAT ONGOING OAS CHARTER REVIEW WILL MAKE NECESSARY BASIC CITEL RESTRUCTURING.
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